

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the above-identified Official Action, and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In response to the Official Action of October 14, 2003, please consider the following complete listing of the claims in clean format. Claims 3-5, 8, 10-12, 14-20, 22-25, 27, 31-39 and 41-74 were previously amended in the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the application and are thus marked as Amended. Claims 1, 3, 23, 24, 26 and 36 were amended by Amendment submitted on October 2, 2003 and thus some are marked Twice Amended. Claims 11-13 have been cancelled.

An explanatory table of the claim numbering and status is set forth below.

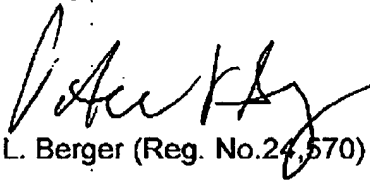
TABLE OF CLAIMS	
Claim number	Claim status
1	Amended
2	Original
3	Twice Amended
4 & 5	Amended
6 & 7	Original
8	Amended
9	Original
10	Amended
11, 12 & 13	Cancelled
14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20	Amended
21	Original
22	Amended
23 & 24	Twice Amended

TABLE OF CLAIMS	
Claim number	Claim status
25, 26 & 27	Amended
28, 29 & 30	Original
31, 32, 33, 34 & 35	Amended
36	Twice Amended
37, 38 & 39	Amended
40	Original
41 → 74	Amended

We have provided a listing of all claims and their present condition as well as the claims themselves.

In view of the above action and comments, an early notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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